

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Attorney Docket No. 007035.00034

In re the Application of LE HERVET, et al. )  
Application No. 10/599,586 ) Group Art Unit: TBA  
Filed: 02 October 2006 )  
For: Series of Electrolysis Cells for the ) Examiner: TBA  
Production of Aluminium )  
Comprising Means for ) U.S. National Stage of International Application  
Equilibration of the Magnetic ) No. PCT/FR2005/000758  
Fields at the Ends of the Lines ) International Filing Date: 30 March 2005  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** is attached.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such a fee or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.